



# ST HELEN & ST KATHARINE

GCSE Choices Presentation

Tuesday 9 January 2018

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# The Process

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Wed 17 January	Parents' Meeting
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# The Year 10 & 11 Curriculum

- Core (I)GCSEs
- Optional (I)GCSEs
- Other subjects

# Do your research

- The Options Booklet
  - Making your mind up – you have to make choices
  - Doing A Levels without doing (I)GCSE
  - MFL
  - Science
  - Balance
  - Your overall commitments

# The Core Curriculum

- 5 core subject areas
  - English (2 GCSEs)
  - Mathematics (1 IGCSE)
  - Double Award Science (2 IGCSEs)
  - At least 1 MFL (1 (I)GCSE)

Leading to.....

- 6 (I)GCSE qualifications
- Then add 4 more choices leading to 4 (I)GCSEs (or 5 if doing Greek & Latin)

# Optional Subjects 1

- Choose your MFL from L block
- If you are doing 1 language this will be French, German, Mandarin or Spanish
- If you are doing 2 languages, this will be German, Mandarin or Spanish

# The Provisional Subject Blocks

<b>L (4)</b>	<b>A (4)</b>	<b>B (4)</b>	<b>C (3)</b>	<b>D (3)</b>
<b>French</b>				
<b>German</b>				
<b>Mandarin</b>				
<b>Spanish</b>				

# Optional Subjects 2

- French (if doing 2 MFL)
- Latin
- Greek & Latin (2 GCSEs)
- Geography
- History
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
- Separate Sciences
- Computer Science
- Art
- Ceramics
- Design Technology (Max 16)
- Drama
- Music
- PE



# The Curriculum Outside (I)GCSEs

- Going Beyond...
- Beyond...
  - Existing commitments
  - New commitments
  - Young Enterprise
  - Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- PE
- Personal Development

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<b>German</b>	<b>Design Technology~</b>	<b>Ceramics</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Geography</b>
<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>History</b>
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Greek and Latin</b>	<b>Geography*</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>Latin</b>
	<b>Religion, Philosophy &amp; Ethics*</b>	<b>History*</b>	<b>Religion, Philosophy &amp; Ethics</b>	<b>Religion, Philosophy &amp; Ethics</b>
	<b>Separate Science</b>	<b>Latin*</b>		
		<b>Separate Science</b>		

What will yours look like?

It depends on how many of you  
choose which subjects!

# Thinking About Combinations

- Think about your overall combination & workload.
- Keep your choice of courses as broad as possible.
- What particular interests do you have?
  - Languages – modern and classical
  - Science – Double Award or three separate sciences?
  - How many humanities subjects?
  - Art, Ceramics, DT?
  - Computer Science?
  - Drama, Music, PE?

**Tell us**

if your preferred combination does not fit!

# Separate Sciences *or* Double Award Science?

- Take advice from your science teachers
- How much do you enjoy science, and how many other subjects are you choosing between?
- Double Award Science is good preparation for three sciences at A Level and science courses at university

# IGCSE/GCSE

## IGCSE

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Double Award Science
- History
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Mathematics

## GCSE

- Art
- Ceramics
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Drama
- English
- English Literature
- Geography
- Greek
- Latin
- Mandarin
- Music
- PE
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

# Making The Choice

Mon 22 January      E-mail about options sent

Fri 2 February      Choices submitted by 4.05pm

You are **strongly** recommended to make sure that your choices are made in good time.



# Making your choices

- Aim to have made them by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Follow the instructions in the E-mail you will be sent
  - Format of date of birth **\*\*/\*\*/\*\*\*\***
  - E-mail address of a parent not yours
  - If an E-mail doesn't arrive check the junk filter/folder
- There is no advantage to choosing a particular block for a particular subject – indeed you may not end up doing a particular subject in that block anyway
- If there are problems please E-mail (cmorris@shsk.org.uk) me or come and see me

# Subject choice form

(I)GCSE Options Choices 2018/19

Please enter details below:

Forename

Surname

Date of Birth

01/07/2007

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Email address

A parent's E-mail address **not yours!**

Continue

Dear Test

You will begin your (I)GCSE courses in September 2018. You will study the core curriculum, which consists of six (I)GCSE subjects: English, English Literature, Mathematics, Double Award Science and a Modern Foreign Language.

In addition you will need to choose four more subjects as outlined in the course information booklet and the (I)GCSE choices presentation.

Please note that we do, on occasion, need to amend the distribution of subjects within the blocks to address issues that arise from choices; the content of the blocks is therefore subject to change. In the rare event that this affects you, we will contact you to discuss the implications.

You may end up studying a particular subject in a different block to the one in which you have chosen it in, in order to balance the numbers of girls doing the same subject in different blocks.

Please make sure that you enter any additional information in the comments box.

Please make your choices by 4.05pm on Friday 2nd February at which time the form will become inactive. It is vital that you keep this deadline as work is likely to begin on the choices on that day.

Best wishes

Mr Morris

### Block L

- French
- German
- Mandarin
- Spanish

### Block A

- Computer Science
- Drama
- DT
- Greek & Latin
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
- Separate Science

### Block B

- Art
- Ceramics
- Drama
- Geography
- History
- Latin
- Separate Science

### Block C

- Geography
- History
- Music
- PE
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

### Block D

- French
- Geography
- History
- Latin
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

### Comments/requests

Submit Form

## Subject choice form

(I)GCSE Options Choices 2018/19

Thank you for submitting your (I)GCSE choices. An E-mail confirmation will be sent to the parent whose E-mail address you entered as a record of this selection.

# And...

I am likely to start work on these options any time from Friday 2 February 4.05pm!

**If I don't have information about your choices I can't take them into account!**

# In Conclusion....

- Take responsibility
- Take advice
- Take action
- Make decisions



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A PDF version of the  
presentation can be found here

school  
extranet



**Dates**

- Term Dates
- Calendar
- Parents' Evenings
- Trips & Visits Calendar

**Information**

- School Aims & Policies
- Handbooks & Consent Form
- Your St Helen's
- Option Choices**
- Beyond and Going Beyond

**School Life**

- Examinations
- Staff Contacts
- School Uniform
- Parents' Association
- Lunch Rota & Menus

**News**

- Weekly Mailings
- Latest News
- School notices available in Weekly Mailing & Parent Portal*

SHSK Website

Sports Fixtures

Parent Portal

Pupil Resources

Staff Resources



## Documents

<b>Document</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">GCSE Choices Letter</a>	Letter from Mrs Nash about GCSE choices
<a href="#">GCSE Choice Presentation</a>	Powerpoint presentation about GCSE choices
<a href="#">GCSE Provisional Blocks</a>	GCSE Provisional Blocks



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